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SUBJECT : Two Probable SAM Sites NO : PIC/JB-71/60
LOCATION: Approx. 50 nm NW of DATE : 19 April 1960
 Sary Shagan, USSR COORD: 46°25'N 72°45'E
WAC : 245 (Approx.)

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REMARKS:

This brief, the result of a preliminary photographic analysis, identifies two adjacent probable SAM (surface-to-air missile) sites under construction, located at approximately 46°25'N/72°45'E, about 50 nautical miles northwest of Sary Shagan, USSR. One of the two sites, which have a common fence, is in the mid/late construction stage and has an outside service road and six other service roads leading through probable launch positions. Dark areas on these six service roads suggest launch positions under construction. Positioned at the center of the site is a probable guidance facility under construction. The other site, which is in an earlier stage of construction, has initial grading on the complex network of service roads and in the probable guidance area. These two sites are only a portion of a larger complex which will be reported on in a forthcoming brief.

The positioning of two SAM sites adjacent to each other is inconsistent with operational SAM sites observed in the USSR. However, at the Kapustin Yar SAM test facilities, there are two sites so positioned at the Troop Training Launch Area.

NOTE: Because of the poor quality of base maps of this area and the scattered cloud cover on the photography, it is emphasized that the geographic positioning of these sites is only approximate at this time.

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